



# Massachusetts Training Opportunities Program

(Also known as “Section 30” benefits)

## Do you need training in order to become re-employed?

If you’re receiving unemployment benefits, or have received unemployment insurance anytime since July 2008 and are unemployed, you may be eligible to attend training to help you start a new career or improve your job skills to become more competitive in the job market.

**The Massachusetts Training Opportunities Program (TOP)** allows you to attend full-time approved training while collecting unemployment benefits. You may also be eligible to receive up to an additional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, when your regular or extended unemployment benefits end, as long as you are still attending approved training. While attending training, you will be waived from work search requirements.

If you do not speak English or if you require basic education, you may be able to take an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), or other basic skills courses as part of the Training Opportunities Program.

For more information on the Training Opportunities Program eligibility and requirements, please go to **[www.mass.gov/dua/training](http://www.mass.gov/dua/training)**. If you need help exploring training opportunities, or additional information about TOP, please visit your local One-Stop Career Center. To find a Career Center near you, go to **[www.mass.gov/careercenters](http://www.mass.gov/careercenters)**, or call 1-877-US 2 JOBS (1-877-872-5627).

**Please note that TOP does not pay for the actual cost of training and local funding for training is limited and subject to eligibility requirements.**

**Important:** If you’re receiving unemployment benefits or have received unemployment insurance anytime since July 2008 and are unemployed, you may apply for the Training Opportunities Program at any time **before December 28, 2013**. After this date, you can only apply for TOP during the first 15 weeks of your claim.

